

# Wedding planned for couple in June

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Jantz of Montezuma announce the engagement of their daughter, Cassandra Jantz, to Andy Zwegardt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Zwegardt of St. Francis.

The bride-elect is a 2001 graduate of South Gray High School, Montezuma. She graduated from Fort Hays State University in 2004, majoring in psychology and sociology with an emphasis in geriatrics.

She is employed at Bethel Home, Inc. Montezuma.

The bridegroom-elect is a 1998 graduate of St. Francis Community High School. He graduated from Fort Hays State University in 2001 majoring in crop and soil science. He is the manager of ADM Country Store, Copeland.

The wedding is planned for June 9 at United Methodist Church in Montezuma.



Andy Zwegardt and Cassandra Jantz

# Meeting scheduled in Bird City

The Knights of Columbus will hold a meeting at 7:45 p.m. on Monday at the Bird City Catholic Church. They will be discussing what Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, the Kansas University Medical Center and Big Biotech don't want people to know.

Mike Antholz, Grand Knight, had a letter which tells when the Catholic bishops of Kansas raised their voice in opposition to scientific research involving the cloning and destruction of live, human embryos, critics pounded and told the bishops to keep religion out of politics. The letter goes on to say that it isn't about religion — it is about basic human rights

Many want to relieve suffering and find cures to disease and conditions. But proposals to find such "cures" though the cloning and destruction of live, human embryos are not only barbaric and ineffective — they exploit patients and parents for political gain while raising false, cruel hopes.

To harvest embryonic stem cells, scientists need living human embryos and lots of them. They want to create them through human cloning that requires massive numbers of human eggs, surgically extracted from young women injected with powerful, potentially life-threatening drugs.

In a bizarre twist of logic, the

cloning crowd waves the faux flag of ethical purity in opposing reproductive cloning — protecting and assisting the embryo on its life journey to birth, but supports therapeutic cloning — the destruction of the growing embryo instrumental to the search for cures.

The letter points out that the Big Biotech Industry has partnered with

the University of Kansas School of Medicine, Gov. Sebelius and a group called the Kansas Coalition for Life Saving Cures hoping to ride a tsunami wave of momentum powered by the secular media, misinformation and money.

For more information or to view the short video, contact Mr. Antholz at 785-332-3482.

# Plain Sense

*Plain Sense* from High Plains Mental Health Center

## Getting Older Every Day

Today, there are more than 35 million Americans who are 65 years-of-age or older. By the year 2030 that age group is expected to increase to about 71.5 million. Over the next twenty years, as the "Baby Boomers" age, the challenges facing senior citizens and their families will increase. Dealing with life losses and grief will be primary issues, but along with that is the need for good communication among family members in regards to the wishes and desires of their elderly members.

As people age, some of the changes they deal with are physical in nature, such as a decrease in

energy and loss of physical strength, and some changes are cognitive, such as difficulty remembering certain events and a decrease in the ability to concentrate. Inevitable and unavoidable changes as people age have to do with losses.

As parents age, good communication among family members is vital, especially as a means of preparing for new circumstances, before changes become major problems. For example, a discussion with aging parents about living arrangements is a difficult conversation, but can be much more difficult if family members wait for a health crisis to force such a discussion. Some aging parents reach a decision to downsize or

# Ag Talk with Jeanne

## Time for Irrigation Maintenance

By Jeanne Falk, K-State Multi-County Agronomist

With this beautiful weather that we have been having, everyone is getting planters ready to roll. There is another piece of equipment that also needs to be checked over... your irrigation system. A pre-season checkup is an important part of regular irrigation equipment maintenance to prevent untimely breakdowns, irregular water application and increased energy use.

Bill Kranz, Extension irrigation specialist at the University of Nebraska, said growers should look at their records to identify and replace worn parts prior to the irrigation season.

Monthly records of outlet, flow rate and energy use are a good way of evaluating pump and motor performance. Remember to record this information when the pivot is in the same place in the field, to reduce differences because of differences in slope.

Prior to the first irrigation, systems will have a number of areas to

grease or parts that may need to be replaced.

The following list can be used as a guide:

- Change engine oil and filter.
- Replace air and fuel filters.
- Grease drive shafts on pump and motor. Check spark plugs on gas, propane or natural gas motors.
- Drain, flush, and refill cooling system.
- Refill drip oil reservoir and allow about one gallon of oil to drain into drip line.
- Ensure gear drive is free moving and clean and lubricate non-reverse pins.
- Run motor at 1,000 rpm for 45

minutes.

- Walk along system to look for malfunctioning sprinklers.
- Check chemigation pump and safety equipment operation.
- Check and replace cracked hoses.
- Sprinkler wear depends on the quality of the water and system operating pressure. As a rule of thumb, sprinkler replacement should be considered after 10,000 to 12,000 hours of operation. If it is time to replace sprinklers or nozzles, be sure to obtain a new sprinkler system design or replace them with the ones listed on the original sprinkler package computer print-out.

By Jeanne Falk



# Famous Quotes

- The whole secret of the study of nature lies in learning how to use one's eyes. - George Sand
- The ornament of a house is the friends who frequent it. - Ralph Waldo Emerson
- A man's opinions are gener-

ally of much more value than his arguments. - Oliver Wendell Homes

• All lay load on the willing horse. - English Proverb

• Character is much easier kept that recovered. - Thomas Paine

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The City of St. Francis will be reading water meters on April 13.

Please remove any insulation from the water meter before Fri., April 13.

Thank You!!!

# Texas Red's BBQ

will be at St. Francis Super's  
Wednesday, April 18  
thru  
Saturday, April 21



Beef brisket, chicken halves, turkey breast, ribs & sausage

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# In Goodland

# NWKS Tech College 2x4

# In Goodland

Plan to attend ...



## Blackwood Legacy

The Tennessee based "Blackwood Legacy" gospel group, featuring former Blackwood Brothers Quartet lead singer and Gospel Music Hall of Fame inductee Rick Price, will be in concert

**Saturday, April 21 @ 7 p.m. MT**

**Sunday, April 22 @ 10:45 a.m. MT**

at the Church of the Nazarene

410 Blake Street in Wray, CO

Admission is free ~ a love offering will be received.

For details on the Blackwood Legacy group, visit their website at [www.blackwoodlegacy.com](http://www.blackwoodlegacy.com)